The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing this letter in support to the pending merger of Echo Star and Direct TV. I feel the cable companies are hyjacking small communities of service and fees. Currently, I have a little cabin in Colorado of which I enjoy spending the summer. There is no cable available in my area, therefore, I am forced to be a satellite customer if I have any T.V. coverage at all, but I don't have local coverage. My home state has no local coverage so to be on satellite one must have cable to receive local coverage. Please vote in favor of this merger to help the rural communitees.

Sincerely,

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